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Report of vessels inspected at Hongkong, China, for the week ended December 16, 1899.

Date.	Name of vessel.	Destination.	Crew.	Passengers.		Re-jected.
				Cabin.	Steer-age.	
Dec. 11	U. S. ss. Iris (a).....	Manila, P. I.....	100	0	0	0
Do.....	Br. ss. Yuen Sang.....	do.....	70	34	12	0
Dec. 13	U. S. ss. St. Mark.....	New York, N. Y.....	23	0	0	0
Do.....	U. S. ss. Salvadora.....	Manila, P. I.....	45	1	10	0
Dec. 14	Launch Hingma.....	do.....	9	0	0	0
Do.....	Jap. ss. Resjui Maru.....	Seattle, Wash.....	95	14	10	0
Dec. 15	Br. ss. Esmeralda.....	Manila, P. I.....	69	24	6	1
Do.....	Br. ss. Long Sang.....	do.....	68	19	3	1

a United States naval vessel.

HONGKONG, January 2, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith report of transactions for the week ended December 23, 1899. During this period there were 98 deaths from all causes, and among this number the following: Beriberi, 2; malarial fever, 11; trismus, 13; tubercle of lungs, 12; smallpox, 1; plague, 4.

In this connection I wish to invite attention to the increased number of plague cases, and to state that this is evidently a reappearance or commencement of another epidemic. In all probability the disease will slowly increase during the present month, and will run the usual course as that of previous epidemics. The plague has also reappeared in Canton and Macao.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

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Date.	Name of vessel.	Destination.	Crew.	Passengers.		Re-jected.
				Cabin.	Steer-age.	
Dec. 18	Br. ss. Sung Kiang.....	Manila, P. I.....	65	1	177	3
Do.....	Br. ss. Diamante.....	do.....	82	12	28	0
Dec. 20	Br. ss. Chingtee.....	do.....	94	23	11	0
Do.....	U. S. ss. China (a).....	San Francisco, Cal.....	163	19	190	9
Dec. 21	Sp. ss. Legozpi (b).....	Manila, P. I.....	42	13	0	0
Dec. 23	Br. ss. Doric.....	San Francisco, Cal.....	131	12	111	2
Do.....	Br. ss. Yuen Sang.....	Manila, P. I.....	70	5	12	0
Do.....	Br. ss. Monmouthshire.....	Portland, Oreg.....	65	0	65	0

a Crew and steerage passengers bathed and their baggage and effects disinfected with steam.
b Crew and steerage passengers bathed and their baggage and effects disinfected with steam.

CUBA.

*Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.**CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, January 29, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report, that during the week ended January 27, 20 deaths have occurred in this city, 3 from malaria, 3 from intestinal diseases, and 2 from tuberculosis. Ten of the total number of deaths

occurred in the civil hospital. No contagious diseases reported in this city. Death rate for the week is 26.07. During the week 10 foreign vessels have entered this port, been inspected, and passed. Ten vessels have cleared from this port.

Casilda.—Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports 7 deaths in the city of Trinidad during the week, 2 from malaria, 1 from intestinal diseases, and 2 from tuberculosis. The varioloid reported previous weeks is on the decrease, there being but 12 cases now in the city, all convalescent, no deaths having occurred. Inspected 2 foreign vessels at that port during the week.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports no deaths, and no contagious diseases. Inspected 3 foreign vessels at that port during the week.

Respectfully,
The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

J. M. LINDSLEY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Report from Havana.

HAVANA, CUBA, *January 30, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following sanitary report for the week ended January 27, 1900:

One death occurred from yellow fever during the week, and 3 new cases of the same disease were reported, which is a slight increase over the week previous. There were 117 deaths from all causes during the period covered by this report, which is equivalent to a death rate of 27.65 per 1,000. The weather during the week has been fine and warm.

No new cases of smallpox have appeared amongst the passengers of the steamship *Santanderino*, detained at Mariel Quarantine Station, and the 2 patients previously reported are doing well. The passengers will be discharged on the 30th instant, with the exception of the 2 cases of smallpox, which will be detained for a further period, until all danger of their communicating the disease is over.

Asst. Surg. F. E. Trotter reported here for duty on the 24th instant, under orders from the Bureau to relieve Asst. Surg. Carl Ramus, who left this station for his new post of duty on the 26th instant.

In view of the decline in the prevalence of yellow fever in Havana, the rule in vogue regarding the treatment of baggage for points in Florida, has been also applied to Cuban ports; that is, all baggage leaving Havana for such Cuban ports as are not connected by rail with Havana, is inspected and passed, unless found to contain bedding, soiled clothing, or household articles which are liable to convey infection.

The usual weekly inspection of the station was held on the 25th instant, and a marked improvement was found in the general condition of the station and the discipline of the men.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the usual mortality table for the week ended January 27, 1900.

On account of some necessary repairs being effected to the plant on the barge *Protector*, all necessary disinfection of baggage during the week was done at the shore disinfecting station.

Respectfully,
The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

G. M. GUITÉRAS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.